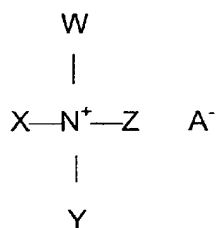


**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to a topical composition for the treatment of skin comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein W, X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group, and wherein A is a mixture of anionic counterions derived from at least two pharmaceutically acceptable acids and esters thereof; and a cosmetically acceptable carrier.